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Georgia Southern Examines Internalized Homonegativity among AAMSM in Southeastern US

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Dr. Stacy Smallwood led a study that examined the psychometric properties of the Internalized Homonegativity Inventory (IHNI) among African American men who have sex with men (AAMSM) in the southeastern United States. Data from 261 AAMSM were analyzed using exploratory factor analysis. Results showed evidence of a two-factor solution: Personal and Moral Homonegativity, and Gay Affirmation. Internal consistencies were greater than .80, and correlations with other variables (e.g., sociodemographics, religiosity, masculinity) provided evidence of validity.

Findings suggesting a two- instead of three-factor solution may indicate that internalized homonegativity manifests differently for AAMSM in the Deep South than for predominantly-white MSM.

Further research should examine how incorporating new conceptions of internalized homonegativity into culturally-specific health promotion interventions for AAMSM might enhance effectiveness.

[“Different Dimensions: Internalized Homonegativity Among African American Men Who Have Sex With Men in the Deep South](#), is published in the Journal of Homosexuality.

Dr. Stacy Smallwood, Assistant Professor of Community Health Behavior and Education at the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health at Georgia Southern University, was the lead author.

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